

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 17 as follows:

17. (new) A data storage apparatus, comprising:
an enclosure including a frontal opening, a compliant backplane, and a
pressure plate that attaches adjacent to the frontal opening of the enclosure; and
at least one data storage module having a locking mechanism;
wherein the locking mechanism pivots to lock the at least one data storage
module within the enclosure to create a stabilizing pressure between the data
storage module, the compliant backplane, the pressure plate, and the enclosure.

Please add new Claim 18 as follows:

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the locking mechanism
further includes a latch and a lever handle, the lever handle being coupled at one
end to a front surface of the data storage module and the other end being coupled to
the latch.

Please add new Claim 19 as follows:

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the enclosure further
includes a bay slot that extends from the frontal opening to the compliant backplane
for receiving the at least one data storage module, and a via adjacent to the
pressure plate for receiving a portion of the locking mechanism.

Please add new claim 20 as follows:

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the at least one data
storage module further includes first and second guide rails having a stepped
surface.